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SUMMARY: FONOFF PROPOSES THAT MEETING TO DISCUSS FUTURE OF ABCC BE HELD IN TOKYO ON APRIL 24. FONOFF HAS PROVIDED BRIEF PAPER OUTLINING GOJ VIEWS ON FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS AND REQUESTS COMMENTS THEREON PRIOR TO MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF CONVEYED INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL TO FONOFF FIRST NORTH AMERICA DIV DEP HEAD MATSUURA, WHO IN TURN PROVIDED NOTE VERBALE SETTING FORTH GOJ VIEWS ON BOTH BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS AND FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR JOINT RESEARCH IN ABCC.

2. TIMING OF CONSULTATIONS - FONOFF ACCEPTED TIMEFRAME SUGGESTED REFTEL AND HAS NOW SPECIFICALLY PROPOSED MEETING IN TOKYO ON MORNING OF APRIL 24. GOJ ENVISAGES THAT THIS FIRST MEETING WOULD DISCUSS BASIC FRAMEWORK OF US- JAPAN COOPERATION CONCERNING FUTURE OF ABCC. SECOND SESSION COULD BE HELD LATER SAME DAY OR FOLLOWING DAY IF REQUIRED. IF THESE DISCUSSIONS OF BASIC FRAMEWORK PROCEED IN MANNER
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SATISFACTORY TO BOTH SIDES, GOJ SUGGESTS FOLLOW-UP MEETING ON APRIL 25 OR 26 TO BE DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO TECHNICALITIES OF RESEARCH PROJECTS AND EXAMINATION OF WAYS IN WHICH SCIENTISTS FROM TWO SIDES CAN MOST EFFECTIVELY COLLABORATE. ENTIRE SCHEDULE WOULD THUS REQUIRE US TEAM TO BE IN TOKYO FOR MINIMUM OF 3 DAYS. EMBOFF INDICATED THESE SUGGESTIONS WOULD PROBABLY BE ACCEPTABLE TO US SIDE BUT THAT HE WOULD IN ANY CASE TRANSMIT THEM TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF AEC AND NATIONAL ACADEMY WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT TOKYO FROM APRIL 24 TO 26.

3. GOJ VIEWS ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND RESEARCH FRAMEWORK - AS ENCLOSURE TO NOTE VERBALE OF MARCH 23, 1973 (WHICH PUT IN WRITING GOJ SUGGESTIONS ON MEETING DATES), GOJ PROVIDED PAPER ENTITLED QTE JAPANESE VIEWS ON RESPONSE BY USG DATED JANUARY 18, 1973, TO JAPANESE TALKING PAPER DATED NOVEMBER 29, 1972, REGARDING OPERATION OF ABCC UNQTE". TEXT OF THIS PAPER IS BEING SENT SEPTEL. FONOFF HAS REQUESTED THAT US SIDE PROVIDE ITS REACTIONS TO THIS JAPANESE PAPER IN ADVANCE OF APRIL 24 MEETING.

4. COMMENT - COPY OF JAPANESE PAPER HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO ABCC DIRECTOR ALLEN AND DISCUSSED WITH HIM IN PRELIMINARY FASHION AS WELL AS AMONG CONCERNED EMBASSY OFFICERS. AS WASHINGTON OFFICIALS WILL NOTE ON READING JAPANESE PAPER, GOJ CONCEPTION IS THAT BILATERAL COMMITTEES MUST BE ESTABLISHED WHICH WOULD THEN GRAPPLE WITH KEY PROBLEMS OF FINANCE AND RESEARCH. CONSENSUS AMONG DR ALLEN AND EMBOFFS IS THAT US COULD ACCEPT THIS MEANS OF PROCEEDING PROVIDED WE MAKE CLEAR TO GOJ AT OUTSET THAT OUR PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEES IS PURELY TRIAL ARRANGEMENT AND THAT WE WOULD RESERVE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW AFTER SUITABLE TRIAL PERIOD (PERHAPS ONE YEAR) IF PROCEEDINGS HAD NOT BEEN SATISFACTORY FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW AND SPECIFICALLY IF THERE HAD NOT BEEN SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF GOJ COMMITMENT TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT ABCC. IN SHORT, WE WOULD INDICATE TO GOJ THAT WE COULD ACCEPT THEIR PARTICIPATION IN MANAGEMENT OF ABCC OVER LONG TERM ONLY REPEAT ONLY IF GOJ IS PREPARED TO PAY ITS SHARE FOR THIS PRIVILEGE. DR ALLEN AND EMBOFFS ALSO AGREE THAT IF WE WISH TO ACHIEVE ANY PROGRESS AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APRIL 24 MEETING, IT WILL BE INCUMBENT UPON US SIDE TO MAKE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AS TO HOW GOJ COULD ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO ABCC PROGRAMS. OUR INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH GOJ OFFICIALS

HAVE REVEALED SEVERAL BUREAUCRATIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE
CONSTRICTIONS ON GOJ FREEDOM OF ACTION, BUT WE HAVE
DEVELOPED SOME IDEAS ON WAYS GOJ COULD MAKE TANGIBLE CONTRIBU-
TIONS AND THESE WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE COMMUNICATION FROM
DR ALLEN TO NATIONAL ACADEMY. WE URGE THAT WASHINGTON
OFFICIALS GIVE CLOSE STUDY TO WAYS IN WHICH GOJ COULD TAKE
OVER SOME PARTS OF EXISTING ABCC PROGRAMS SINCE DIRECT
CASH CONTRIBUTIONS TO ABCC OPERATING BUDGET DO NOT SEEM
POSSIBLE FROM GOJ POINT OF VIEW. PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS
AT APRIL 24 MEETING WOULD ALSO BE ENHANCED IF WASHINGTON
OFFICIALS COULD DEVISE ANY OF THESE PROPOSALS EARLY
ENOUGH TO BE CONVEYED TO GOJ PRIOR TO MEETING.
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